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Examiner ..... Kim, Eugene Lee  
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Title: Packaging Container Liner Insertion and Cuffing Apparatus and Methods

**RESPONSE TO MARCH 13, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

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**REMARKS**

The Office Action of March 13, 2003 set out a requirement to elect one from several listed species of inventions delineated by the Examiner. The elected species is required for examination of this application on the merits.

Applicant elects the species indicated by numeral IX. This was indicated to be characterized by "movable vacuum head engages bag while mandrel is in its extended position." Reconsideration of this characterization of this species is requested. The species should more properly be characterized as "movable